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REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested. As noted above, the foregoing amendment merely corrects typographical errors in Claims 57 and 104, both dependent claims, adds one additional dependent claim that was inadvertently not previously added, does not introduce new matter to the application, and therefore can properly be entered into the application at this time.

Applicant also gratefully acknowledges the Notices of Allowance and Allowability dated 17 December 2004 for the patent application. An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance was appended to the Notice of Allowability. Applicant has the following comments.

While the claimed combinations are patentable over the prior art for the reasons presented therein, the claimed combinations are patentable for many more reasons. More specifically, the patentability of the claimed combinations is not limited to the particular subset of features identified in the Statement, but rather it is the entire combinations of elements and/or steps in the claims, each taken as a whole, that are patentable over the prior art, both taken alone and in hypothetical combination. Furthermore, the claimed combinations are patentable over all the prior art, and not only the documents identified in the Statement.

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If Mr. Chow or Mr. Urban believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of this patent application to issue, he is invited to call on the number below.

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